

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6683

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Human Services & Corrections, February 07, 2008

Title: An act relating to prostitution prevention and intervention services funded by the prostitution prevention and intervention account.

Brief Description: Expanding the activities that may be funded by the prostitution prevention and intervention account.

Sponsors: Senators Fraser, Kohl-Welles and Hargrove.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Human Services & Corrections: 2/5/08, 2/7/08 [DPS].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6683 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Hargrove, Chair; Regala, Vice Chair; Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; Brandland, Carrell, Marr and McAuliffe.

Staff: Kevin Black (786-7747)

Background: The Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account (Account) is administered by the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. Funds in the Account may be spent on activities that comprehensively address the problems of persons who are prostitutes, and enhance the ability of persons to leave or avoid prostitution.

Summary of Bill (Recommended Substitute): The permitted use of funds in the Prostitution Prevention and Intervention Account is expanded to include services directed to address the impact of sexual assault, residential treatment and services, mental health and chemical dependency services, parenting services, housing assistance, education and vocational training, and intensive case management services. Funds granted for these purposes must address the problems of persons who are prostitutes or minors who are victims of commercial sexual abuse and enhance the ability of persons to leave prostitution or avoid victimization.

Funds in the Account may also be used for law enforcement training and community outreach and education regarding prostitution, including law enforcement training regarding the availability of services for minors.

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EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY HUMAN SERVICES & CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE (Recommended Substitute): Adds ability to fund services directed to address the impact of sexual assault.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: PRO: This bill will help our statute be up to date to bring real help to minors who are the victims of commercial sexual abuse.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Kohl-Welles, sponsor.